

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company's Tariff)
Designed to Permit Early Implementation of)
Cold Weather Rule Provision and to Permit)
Laclede to Collect Bad Debt Through the PGA)

Case No. GT-2009-0026
Tariff No. JG-2009-0033

ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE *AMICUS CURIAE* BRIEF

Issue Date: February 24, 2009

Effective Date: February 24, 2009

As ordered by the Commission, the parties to this case filed initial briefs on February 13, 2009. On the same date, the Missouri Energy Development Association (MEDA) filed an *amicus curiae* brief, along with a motion requesting leave to do so.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(6) provides that an *amicus curiae* brief may be filed in cases before the Commission if the Commission grants leave to do so. No party has opposed MEDA's request to file a brief, and the Commission finds MEDA's request to be reasonable. The Commission will grant the requested leave to file an *amicus curiae* brief. The Commission also reminds the parties that 4 CSR 240-2.075(6) states an *amicus curiae* may not file a reply brief.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Missouri Energy Development Association is granted leave to file an *amicus curiae* brief.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of February, 2009.